8 August 1950

Major General C. A. Willoughby Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 General Headquarters Far East Command APO 500, c/o Postmaster San Francisco, California

Dear General:

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Thank you very much for your letter of 17 July 1950 and its illuminating enclosures. The wholesale acqueations directed at the intelligence agencies are, as you believe, political maneuvers, but I feel that we will always have the politicians with us. I agree fully with your opinions in that matter, and I think that we now have the rest of the agencies around here in agreement.

25X1fg Your good word about our communications work through much appreciated here. I am most heartened by this illustration of the cooperation that our field units can enjoy in time of the emergency. I hope that, where the situation warrants it, we shall be able to contimes this communication support.

With regard to your offer to turn over one of your I wish to reassure you that, as I stated in my letter of 9 March and as reiterated im my message delivered through \_\_\_\_\_ about 17 dune, we appreciate the opportunity to take advantage of your long-term eperations. May I suggest that discuss this matter with you further?

I don't wish to burden you with a long letter because I know how extremely busy you must be. Therefore, I do not comment on your previous correspondence, but only repeat that it is much appreciated and most seriously considered.

With best personal regards, and my heartiest support in the rean situation, believe me,

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R. H. Hillenkoetter Rear Admiral, USN Director of Central Intelligence

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